

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF FISHERIES

Report from C.A.Bevans, Stream Watchman,

in

Game Creek, Port Frederick.

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Watchman should be on duty in this vicinity not later than June 20.

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The dead line there should start at Mission Point, where it is now located, thence to South end of Grave Yard Island, thence to South end of Reef Island, thence to North end of Game Creek Island. That would put dead line where it should be and protect the early and best run of dog salmon.

All markers should be in place and visible not later than June 20 and Gott-Heine should have a watchman. Eight or ten men, white and Indians, live in Snug Harbor and anchor there in fishing season. The few people who live at Hoonah in summer time do not stay up all night and there is good fishing on the big flats at night.

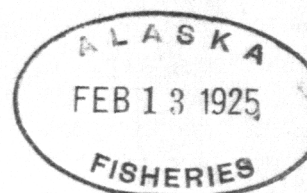
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Crab cannery and crab fishermen should not be allowed to buy or use hooked salmon during closed season. There are millions of clams, the natural food for crabs and they make better and more durable bait.

I have been told by Indians that at least two of the most successful Indian fishing crews that did so well in red salmon this season made their big catches in the lake. The stream watchman somewhere on the north side of Icy Strait lived well outside the mouth of stream and that by a short portage the lake could be approached from another direction and that by cutting a piece off the seine and carrying it over the portage and using it as a drag net is the way they did so well in Sockeyes.

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